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Subject: FW: Exide conversation with Angelo Logan and Father John

Matt, FYI. I've been on leave this week but also checking in. Tomorrow, I'm off for real and wanted to make sure you were in the loop on Steven's latest communications with Angelo.

There is also a videoconference on the 4th with Jared and a couple of congressionals on this topic. In my absence, please feel free to contact Steven or Kathleen directly should Angelo reach out to you or if you want more info about the status of the Region's involvement with Exide.

From: LEONIDO-JOHN, STEVEN
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To: Johnson, Kathleen; Miller, Amy; Jones, Joel E.; Reyes, Deldi; Salyer, Kathleen; Huetteman, Tom; Sugerman, Rebecca; Minor, Dustin; Gross, Barbara; Maier, Brent
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Last Thursday afternoon Deldi and I talked to Angelo Logan (Eastyard Communities for EJ) to update him on EPA's actions on Exide. Similar to the conversations we've had with LA County, he has significant concerns about DTSC's capacity and intentions on dealing with the permit and clean up (both on and offside). He believes Exide will continue to be resistant to any cleanup activities more robust than what has occurred to date and that DTSC will acquiesce to Exide's constrained testing and cleanup program. Angelo emphasized the need for a faster response to cleaning up the site and the community, voicing how discouraged he was by the slow state process (we told him the federal process would likely not be any faster and would not be to the same cleanup levels as the state). He broached the idea of bringing together a larger group to look at outside the box (as he put it) opportunities to address environmental and public health issues for this community given that dealing with Exide and contamination in the community is likely to be a long term challenge. Angelo appreciated what EPA is doing, but does not feel it's as assertive as the situation demands. I think it's fair to say he continues to be frustrated that we're not being more proactive.

I also talked with Father John Moretta today and updated him on the same issues we covered with Angelo. Father John was appreciative of EPA's ongoing discussions with DTSC and our engagement on the permitting, cleanup and enforcement issues. He reiterated his concerns that it would be inappropriate for Exide to be issued a permit and

not deal with all of the contamination issues. He also indicated his concern that not only would Exide not be able to comply with any permits issued by the state, but that the state would not take appropriate action against Exide if it failed to comply with any permit conditions. His preference would be for Exide to close its Vernon operation and that a larger community/local/state/federal partnership be created to focus on site and community cleanup, as well as to deal with other environmental and public health issues in the community.

We committed to Angelo to keep him updated on our actions on Exide, and I made the same commitment to Father John.

Any questions, please let me know.

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